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Via Electronic Filing
Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
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RE: STB Docket No. AB-1087-X

Grenada Railway LLC

**Petition for Abandonment Exemption** 

Dear Ms Brown,

The closure of the Grenada line has a negative financial and operational impact on Burrows Paper corp. Pickens mill. We have suppliers that are located in central and western Canada and on the U.S. west coast. To truck wood pulp from those regions is prohibitive due to a much higher cost per ton as compared to rail. Using truck deliveries would add \$100 per ton on average. To rail pulp from these areas and off-load it at another site in Mississippi would also add to our cost per ton. We would have extra freight and handling charges. I would estimate these charges to be at least \$30-50 per ton. Losing the rail service also narrows our supplier base. The cost for Bowater, Dryden and Terrace Bay NBSK is now out of sight because they cannot ship direct by rail. We will only buy from them if we have no other choice. Also, we compete with China for fiber that is produced in western Canada.

Thanks, Joe Roberts Mill manager Pickens, Ms

I, Joe Roberts, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Further, I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this letter.

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Signature

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